

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. WITHERS, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 254.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 254) granting an increase of pension to James M. Boreland, having examined the papers and evidence in the case, find as follows:

That the pensioner now receives a pension at the rate of \$4 per month for disability caused by gunshot wound of left leg, received at the second battle of Bull Run. That an application for increase of pension, because of total disability resulting from insanity caused by epileptic fits alleged to have been produced by injury received by falling over a log soon after the battle of Gettysburgh, July, 1863, was rejected because there was no record of any such injury as was alleged, and there was no increase of disability from the gunshot wound which would justify a change of rating.

But the evidence of several witnesses establishes the fact that he did receive a fall as alleged, and that very soon thereafter he had spasms, which continued with increasing frequency and violence; that he was discharged from the Army on the 28th of July, 1864; and two medical witnesses certify that in August of the same year they were called to treat him for spasmodic attacks, which proved to be epileptic in character, and resulted in incurable madness, assuming the form of epileptic mania, for which he has been confined in an asylum for the insane since June, 1872. The superintendent of the asylum pronounces his case incurable, and that he is often so violent as to require constant attendance and watching.

As this condition of the pensioner might reasonably have resulted from the alleged injury, and the disability is permanent and total, the committee recommend the passage of the bill.

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